

DPD 1654-59  
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Subject: Map Case Emergency Oxygen System  
Type Q-289 (interim)

25X1A 1. Purpose: To secure funding and construction authorization for five emergency oxygen systems for "B" detachment. Pilots desire installation of a completely independent oxygen system in all U-2 aircraft prior to the forthcoming [REDACTED] operation. Their demand is based on the recognition that any oxygen malfunction in the present system would cause descent to lower altitude and consequential project compromise.

2. Work Required: LAC to construct five each Q-289 type map case emergency oxygen systems and forward ASAP to "B" detachment. LAC has quoted cost at \$930. per unit. Transportation and installation cost is unknown but considered negligible.

3. Additional Related Work: None expected.

4. Total Estimated Cost: Approximately \$5,000. Funds in SP-1917.

25X1A 5. Delivery Schedule: Earliest possible date. Installation must be completed by time of forthcoming [REDACTED] operation.

25X1A 6. Remarks: Verbal project approval was obtained from Acting Chief, DPD, on 6 March 1959. System is labeled "interim" insofar as a permanent type dual oxygen system under development at LAC will not be available prior to the [REDACTED] operation. Components of the Q-289 system will serve as seat pack spares following the development of a permanent type emergency oxygen system.

Signed

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Chief, Operations Br.

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APPROVED:

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